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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Liberty Trust Company Building				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Third National Bank Building				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 83 Baltimore Street and 9 South Centre Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments bank and offices
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Liberty Trust Company				
STREET AND NUMBER: 83 Baltimore Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 135-98				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Located at 83 Baltimore Street, the building stands on the south side of the street at the intersection of South Centre Street, southwest corner, in the central business district of Cumberland, Allegany County.</p> <p>The Liberty Trust Company Building is a circa 1901-1902 red brick structure with stone trim. It is six stories high, curved at the northeast corner of the top five levels, and is characterized by a tripartite system of composition corresponding to the parts of a classic column with its base, the first floor; shaft, the second, third, fourth, and fifth floors; and capital, the sixth floor, which is above a consoled and bracketed cornice.</p> <p>The first or street level has a stone watertable and a series of seven large windows along Centre Street (east side) and a large trabeated classic doorway with sidelights centered between two large windows on the Baltimore Street front (north side). The windows of the upper stories consist of double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights and a single light, frame sash above. These windows are arranged in single and multiple groupings and are primarily openings in a wall plane that is ornamented by the flat bricks and textured or rusticated stone of the beltcourses above the window groupings on each floor. The sixth floor is crowned with a small, plain cornice with the remaining portion of the building forming a roof balustrade with circular openings spaced above the lower window groupings.</p> <p>The building, which covers the entire lot on which it stands, is structurally sound. The upper five levels appear to be basically unaltered since construction. The street level and portions of the interior were renovated in 1920-1921.¹ (Thomas and Williams, vol. I, p. 427.)</p> <p>NOTE: See <u>History of Allegany County</u> (1923) for exterior and interior photographs, between pages 428 and 429, after renovations.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1901-1902

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Liberty Trust Company Building was erected in the early 1900s for either the Citizens National Bank or the Third National Bank. The current title deed indicates that the Citizens National Bank took a lease on the property in June, 1901. The structure, however, is referred to in History of Allegany County as the Third National Bank Building although no reference is made indicating for whom or when it was built or to a merger between the Third National and Citizens National Banks.¹ (vol. I, p. 427) The building was designed by Wright Butler (1868-1932), a Cumberland architect who also designed the Allegany County Courthouse.² (Thomas and Williams, vol. II, p. 767.)

The Liberty Trust Company was chartered in 1920 when Citizens National Bank, Third National Bank, Citizens Savings Bank, and Dime Savings Bank were merged as one company. At the time of the consolidation the Liberty Trust Company was reported to be the "largest financial institution in Maryland outside of Baltimore."³ (Thomas and Williams, vol. I, p. 427).

Architecturally, the Liberty Trust Company Building is one of the earliest skyscraper form structures built in Cumberland. Six stories high, an exceptional height for early twentieth century Cumberland and still one of the tallest buildings in the central business district, the structure was designed around the elevator, which made the upper stories as rentable as the lower. The arrangement of the stories is characterized by a tripartite system of composition corresponding to the part of a classic column with its base, shaft, and capital. The tripartite system of composition is the fourth phase in the development of the skyscraper and came into common use in the late 1880s.⁴ (Weisman, p. 119)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

Thomas, James W. and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County, MD,
2 vols. n.c.: L.R. Titsworth and Company, 1923.

Weisman, Winston. "A New View of Skyscraper History," The Rise of An
American Architecture, ed. Edgar Kaufman, Jr. New York: Praeger
Publishers, 1970.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 51' x 150'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.	5/15/75
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Cumberland	Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



Cumberland, Maryland
 Allegany County
 Tax Map 29 (1972)
 scale: 1"=100'

site #: AI-IV-065

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 83 Baltimore Street and 9 South Centre Street



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83 Baltimore St
Cumberland
Allegheny Co., Md
NE view
November, 1974

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Liberty Trust Company Building
83 Baltimore St. at Centre St.
Cumberland
Allegany Co., Maryland
NW view
November, 1974

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Liberty Trust Company Building
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